deployed against the vacancies in the support sections of the Engineering Department.

(e) The technical staff deployed against non-technical vacancies in the support sections continue to draw their salary as Aircraft Technicians/Foremen.

(f) Overtime is paid to technical staff in Engineering Department due to urgent nature of jobs in shops and in line maintenance.

Uniform of female staff in IA

4180. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is not giving equal number of Sarees as uniform to their female staff;

(b) whether it is a fact that Commercial staff are given 8 sets of sarees whereas in other department, female staff are getting half that number;

(c) if so, the reasons for discrimination;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of sarees to the female staff in near future; and

(e) if so, details regarding guidelines for distribution of sarees amongst female staff of Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Famale employees in Commercial Department and those in other Departments who come in contact with the travelling public are given 8 sets of sarees, whereas other female employees are given 4 sets.

(c) There is no discrimination amongst female employees working in some grade and performing same type of job. The number of sarees issued to female employees depends upon the types of jobs performed by them.

(d) No, Sir,

(e) Does not arise.

IA staff Canteen at Delhi

4181. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines, Airlines House, Delhi, Staff Canteen is subsidised;

(b) whether I.A., Indian Airlines House, Delhi has formed any Canteen Managing Committee;

(c) if so, the detail thereof and the term of the Canteen Managing Committee;

(d) whether present Canteen Managing Committee's term has expired;

(e) if so, the details thereof and;

(f) what is the source of supply of materials in the Indian Airlines, Airlines House, Canteen and what is the procedure to enlist the suppliers in the Canteen?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Canteen Managing Committee of Airlines House, Headquarters Canteen, consists of members from Administration, Finance, Industrial Relations and Medical Departments and a workers, representative. It is a standing committee wihout any fixed tenure.

(f) Purchase of canteen items are generally made from Government/semi-government agencies. Items which are not available with these agencies are purchased from manufacturers or their distributors or from private suppliers. Suppliers are selected after considering aspects such as competitiveness of rates, quality, supplying capacity etc.

Closure of IA booking office at New Delhi

4182. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines, Northern Region; has closed the Booking office located in Kanchanjunga building at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the sale at the Booking Office was about Rs. 2 crores per month prior to its closure;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Delhi Fire Service has given the fitness certificate after the fire accident in the building and;

(e) if so, the reasons for not opening Kanchanjunga booking office uptil now?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) & (b) Indian Airlines booking office at Kanchanjunga Building, Bara Khamba Road, was closed down due to a fire in the building.